

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant presents replacement paragraphs below indicating the changes with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

On page 6, please replace the second paragraph, lines 11-23 with the paragraph shown below:

Figure 4 shows a cell phone 4 designed to operate with a smart card 1 described above. A cell phone refers to any equipment that can perform the portable telephony function; therefore this term includes PDA (Personal Data Assistants), provided with a GSM function and any other similar equipment. The telephone 4 has a telephone body 5, a GSM communication antenna 6 and power supply contacts 7 to 10 designed to be coupled to a removable battery B ~~not shown~~, in a known manner. The body 5 also includes a housing 12 in which a smart card with a given format can be fitted. A coupling interface including pins A1 to A8 is arranged for example in the bottom of the housing 12. Pins A1 to A8 are arranged so that they can be coupled by electrical contact to the surface pins C1 to C8 respectively, on a smart card 1 inserted in the housing 12. For the reasons mentioned above, an equipment connection interface according to ISO standard 7816-2 will be used in preference.

On page 7, please replace the second paragraph, lines 7-13 with the paragraph shown below:

The antenna 11 can also be implanted on a removable battery B of the cell phone. This arrangement would enable a user to replace a battery B to connect the smart card 1 to the antenna 11 of the telephone, keeping its original telephone. In particular, it would be possible to add or assign electrical pins on the phone to supply a connection to a smart card placed in the body, with an antenna 11 placed in the battery B. It would also be possible to implant a coupling interface to a smart card on a battery B and an antenna connected to the pins of this interface.